

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the Abstract originally appearing on page 13 of the application with the following rewritten paragraph:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A flat-panel display ~~is provided~~ with fixtures in its sidewalls to enable support by lateral mounting members is disclosed. The advantage of this approach, in which the fixtures are essentially rotated around to the sides of the flat-panel display, is the reduction in the portion of the portable computer's top cover that is not the active display. In practice, this results in an increase ~~of six millimeters or more~~ in the size of the display that may be housed in the same-sized top cover. In order to accommodate the lateral mounting of the flat-panel display, metal brackets are used. These brackets extend from the base unit hinges and cradle the display. This adds torsional rigidity, but also removes the requirement that the back must be structural. Further reductions in the inactive portions of the top cover may be achieved by extending the ends of the display's fluorescent back-light beyond or through the metal rim that surrounds the display. ~~This allows the inactive rim to be thinner.~~